

habitants, whose loyalty to their King and attachment to their country, cannot be exceeded by his subjects, in any other part of his Majesty's dominions.

We should be wanting in the candor we profess if we were not upon this occasion to express also, the sense we entertain of the eminent virtues and aimable qualities, which characterise the Countess of Dalhousie, and which have had their due weight in this Society;—the example of benevolence shewn by her Ladyship, will leave a lasting impression on our minds.

We sincerely wish your Lordship and the Countess of Dalhousie a safe and speedy passage, and for the present respectfully take our leave.

Quebec, May, 1824.

To which His Excellency was pleased to make the following answer:

GENTLEMEN,—I receive with the greatest pleasure this address of the Magistrates and Inhabitants of Quebec and its vicinity.—It is in the highest degree gratifying to me to learn, that in your opinion I have neither neglected the honor of His Majesty's Government nor the happiness of the people committed to my care. It has been the constant object of my ambition, so to perform the duties of my station, as to shew myself not altogether unworthy of the confidence which my Sovereign has placed in me; and as this address bears unequivocal testimony of approbation from the City of Quebec, from those amongst whom I have lived, over whom I have exercised the powers of Government and who are best qualified to judge of every act of my public life here, I may well be proud to carry with me such a mark of their regard.

I do feel, and I will candidly and publicly say it, that I have not succeeded to the extent of my hopes in promoting the welfare of this country, but neither have I much cause to complain; I am as yet content with what all acknowledge to be true, that the Province has improved greatly within the last few years, notwithstanding the untoward circumstances which have occurred—my hopes are not cast down—my earnest endeavours shall not relax—the general welfare of the people shall still be the grand object of my constant attention and determined perseverance; and I trust that while in England, as here amongst you, I shall not disappoint your expectations.

For your expression of good wishes

towards Lady Dalhousie, I join with her in requesting you to accept our grateful thanks; we have passed four happy years amongst you—we have experienced unceasing and invariable attention, and hope you will do us the justice to believe that we shall think of them with the most pleasing recollection.

(Signed) DALHOUSIE.
Castle of St. Louis, }
5th June, 1824. }

10th June.

Last Saturday morning, the Countess of Dalhousie received the adieus of the Ladies of Quebec. The Castle was crowded with a succession of visitors during the morning anxious to testify the sense they entertained of her Ladyship's affability and courteous attentions.

On Sunday His Excellency the Governor in Chief with the Countess Dalhousie, family, and suite, embarked on board H. M. S. Athol for Scotland, His Lordship dispensed with a Guard of Honor and Military compliments, excepting the salute from the Citadel, which was fired when the ship got under weigh:—the hour of embarkation was fixed for three o'clock, P. M. but the Earl of Dalhousie left the castle of St. Louis at half past two, by which many Gentlemen and Military Officers, who wished to have attended him to the place of embarkation, were disappointed of paying this mark of respect to His Excellency. Amongst the highly respectable party which assembled on this occasion, we observed their Excellencies Sir P. Maitland and Sir Francis Burton, and their respective suits; the Chief Justice, the Judges, many of the members of the council, the Honorable Speaker of the House of Assembly, the Officers of the staff, and regiments, and a number of respectable citizens. Upon arriving at the stairs of the King's Wharf, the Governor took leave of this friendly escort, shaking hands most cordially with most of those who had been honored with his acquaintance:—when the boat pulled off from the wharf, his Lordship was cheered by the assembled spectators. On His reaching the deck of the Frigate a salute was fired from her broadside, and shortly after she got under weigh when the Citadel fired a Royal salute which was returned from the ship. The Countess Dalhousie was escorted on.